Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ATHENS 00724 041204Z

45
ACTION NEA-13

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 SAM-01 DRC-01 ACDA-19 SAJ-01 /113 W
---------- 054542
R 041140Z FEB 74
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2369
INFO AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 0724

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MCAP GR
SUBJ: NEW REGULATIONS ON MILITARY PROMOTION AND
RETIREMENT POSE ADDITIONAL THREAT TO STABILITY OF ARMED FORCES

1. TWO NEW LEGISLATIVE DECREES ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS WEEK SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER PREVIOUS REGULATIONS AND TRADITIONS GOVERNING PROMOTION AND RETIREMENT OF GREEK MILITARY OFFICERS. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS PERMIT PROMOTION OF OFFICERS ACCORDING TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERIT "REGARDLESS OF TIME SPENT IN CURRENT RANK", AND RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR COMMANDING OFFICERS IF THEY DISPLAY "IMPORTANT DEFICIENCIES OR LACK OF QUALIFICATIONS". ELIMINATION OF PRIOR SAFEGUARDS AND PREREQUISITES IN PROMOTION AND RETIREMENT PROCESSESS COMBINED WITH SUBJECTIVE NATURE OF NEW CRITERIA-- WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OPERATE TO FURTHER REDUCE MORALE IN AN ALREADY SHAKEN MILITARY SECTOR.

2. COMMENT: UNDER COLORATION OF LEGALITY AFFORDED IT BY THESE NEW REGULATIONS, GOG NOW HAS AT ITS DISPOSITION SET OF TOOLS TO PUT PRESSURE ON ARMED SERVICES TO CONFORM, PUNISH THOSE WHO DO NOT, PROMOTE THOSE WHO SEEM PROMISING ON THE BASIS OF ITS STANDARDS. WITH ARMED FORCES ALREADY FACTIONALIZED, NEAR TERM EFFECT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ATHENS 00724 041204Z

THESE DECREES COULD BE TO POLITICIZE ARMED FORCES

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

FURTHER. TASCA

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW, MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMED FORCES, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 FEB 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ATHENS00724
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740259/aaaacdbn.tel
Line Count: 62
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 MAY 2002 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <27 NOV 2002 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NEW REGULATIONS ON MILITARY PROMOTION AND RETIREMENT POSE ADDITIONAL THREAT TO STABILITY OF ARMED FORCES
TAGS: MCAP, GR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005